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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING  
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\*\* ALGERIA [non]. 7295, March 16 at 0617, eerie chanting, alternating talk in Arabic and Qur'an, 0620 fading down a bit and fluttering, still past 0632. Consulting PWBR one has no clues on this one --- certainly not AIR Aizawl, India or TRAXX FM, Malaysia, the only two 7295 stations shown as on the air at this hour.

Could not catch any ID, but this is Algeria's Qur'an service 0400-0700

via Issoudun, France, 500 kW at 162 degrees, per Aoki, which began in December or January. Competes with Tunisia 7275/7190 for late night trance-induction. Stewart MacKenzie had also reported this as Unknown, March 11 at 0453 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

UNKNOWN Unknown station 7295 0453 Arabic 433 March 11 YL with comments (Stewart MacKenzie, WDX6AA, Huntington Beach, California, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7295, "ALGERIA" R. Algiers-Holy Qur'an via Issoudun, 0620-0634, Mar 13, Arabic. M & W with talks over music; fair at best with annoying het tone (Scott Barbour, NH, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, 0035-0040 16-03, AIR Port Blair, English news from Delhi // Imphal 4775, Shimla 4965 (fighting with Zambia) and Shillong 4970. Own programmes from 0040, Hindi talk on 4760 25222 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR/030PLUS with 28 m longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* ARGENTINA. Tried the webcast of R. Provincia de Buenos Aires, 1270, UT Sunday March 16 at 0100 and again at 0135, and --- silly ballgame, no sign of the DX program La Rosa de Tokio which was supposed to be revived as of this date, the last day of DST in Argentina, and thus 0200 UT from March 23. They were frequently getting preempted by sports when they were on Sunday afternoons, and it looks like Saturday night is no improvement. Well, all the Spanish DX programs are available on demand, so why bother trying to hear them on a station which cannot be relied upon to broadcast them as scheduled? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ARGENTINA. (Feeder) 15820-LSB, LR6 Radio Mitre, Ciudad Aut noma de Buenos Aires, // 790 kHz, 2316-2321, March 09, Spanish, ID as: "Mitre 24-24 Horas de Noticias", 25442 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. RA, 6020, interesting discussion on religion with author Val Webb, March 16 at 1323-1355, including that Yahweh started out as Abraham's city god (each city or clan had one), and then got promoted to the only god; how Christians limited their god by portraying him in art as an old man, rather than a breath. Music breaks included Pilgrims' Chorus from Tannh user, and Do You Hear the People Sing from Les Mis. This is the Sunday Nights program originating with ABC Local Radio. The website does not yet have working links to the latest show, but presumably will be upcoming: <http://www.abc.net.au/sundaynights/> Reception was OK tho buzzy station barely audible underneath, Vietnam? And from 1354, Russian tones preceding YFR via Samara, longpath (Glenn Hauser, OK, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA [and non]. Tried for HCJB Australia again March 16, 2008 0730-0930 UT, 11750 kHz. Around 0824 hearing OM talking, but not enough above noise level to understand. 0829 hearing talk and music. A radio drama? At 0850 heard OM speaking in, I believe, Portuguese. Checked EiBi. Tentative Voz Missionaria from Brazil. HCJB Australia still not heard here. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRIA. ÁUSTRIA - Manuel Aletrino É um profissional que merece nosso respeito. Desenvolveu um excepcional trabalho em prol da divulgação da Áustria, em ondas curtas, durante todos os anos em que a Rádio Áustria Internacional emitiu várias horas em espanhol. Por isso, indicamos e sintonizamos sempre os cinco minutos que Aletrino produz, de segundas a sextas-feiras, irradiados, entre 2330 e 2335, em 9870 kHz. A dica É da Kariane Modelski Golembieski, de Nova Prata (RS). (CÉlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX March 16 via DXLD)

\*\* BAHRAIN. 6010, 0010-0025 13-01, R. Bahrain, Abu Hayan, English announcement, English pop songs 34333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 4111.64, Radio Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza, 2240-2300, March 09, Spanish, Very long Catholic talk in Spanish by female, new frequency!!! 24332. Transmits from a Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria (Misioneros Redentoristas); General Manager: P. Estanislao Odronec, //89.5 MHz (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, March 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4111.62, Radio Virgen de los Remedios noted 1020 to 1040 weak with voice ute interference several days this week. 13, 15 and 16 March (Robert Wilkner, FL, March 17, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 5952.45, 0135-0145 16-03, R. Pio XII, Siglo XX, Quechoa talk, hymns with percussion - strong 33443 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR/030PLUS with 28 m longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* BRAZIL. BRASIL - O relay da Rádio Cultura FM, de São Paulo (SP), voltou a ser captado em 6170 kHz, na faixa de 49 metros. O sinal foi notado em Pompeu (MG), pelo João Durval, em 11 de março. No mesmo dia ele sintonizou a Rádio Cultura AM, de São Paulo (SP), em 9615 kHz, em 31 metros. Segundo ele, o áudio estava totalmente distorcido na última frequência.

BRASIL - Como a maioria das grandes cidades do Brasil possui emissoras que ganharam na Justiça o direito de transmitir o programa Voz do Brasil em outro horário - a maioria na madrugada brasileira - as ondas curtas certamente passaram a ser um canal onde o ouvinte encontrar o

programa no tradicional horário das 19h, no horário de Brasília [2200 UT]. Alguns exemplos de emissoras que emitem a Voz do Brasil no horário tradicional são as rádios Difusora e Alvorada, ambas de Londrina (PR), que podem ser ouvidas em 4815 e 4865, respectivamente. Outra emissora é a Rádio Brasil Central, de Goiânia (GO), em 4985 e 11815 kHz. O programa A Voz do Brasil transmite segmentos feitos pela Câmara dos Deputados, Senado Federal e pelo Supremo Tribunal Federal (Célio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX March 16 via DXLD)

\*\* BURKINA FASO. 7230, R. Burkina, Ouagadougou, 1311-, 16 Mar, French, news bulletin; 25342, so unusually weak as compared to many midday obs (Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA. CBC EXECS' TRAVEL EXPENSES QUESTIONED  
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OTTAWA, March 17 (UPI) -- Questions were raised Monday into the luxury European hotel bills incurred by executives of the taxpayer-funded Canadian Broadcasting Corp. . . .  
[http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top\\_News/2008/03/17/cbc\\_execs\\_travel\\_expenses\\_questioned/9799/](http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top_News/2008/03/17/cbc_execs_travel_expenses_questioned/9799/)  
(via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. 6160, CKZU (Vancouver) (presumed), 0710, 3/15/08, in English. News, including national news of Canada. If schedules are correct, this is CKZU when CKZN is off. Weak, but clear (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Winradio g313e, Eton E1; 110' random wire, Eavesdropper, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet March 16 via DXLD)

What schedules? I thought they were both nominally 24h, and on different dates as recently reported, I have heard them both mixing at this hour, and then only one of them, but I think that would be due to strange propagation or transmitter problem (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA. NUEVO CONCURSO DEL CASTOR MENSAJERO (RCI)  
<http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/es/quoideneuf/9843.shtml>

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This reminds me I have been intending to remark on the name RCI gives its mailbag program in Spanish --- ``The Message Beaver`` --- I guess they figured that works better in Spanish than ``Maple Leaf Mailbag`` which would be ``Buzón de la hoja de arce``. What do they call the mailbags in other languages? (Glenn Hauser, Ocala, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA. 5835-Voice of Vietnam, 6345-China Radio International, Sackville leapfrogging spurs, 0130-0145+, March 16, Spur of 6175-Voice of Vietnam leapfrogging over 6005-CRI and landing on 5835. Spur of 6005-China Radio Int leapfrogging over 6175-Voice of Vietnam and landing on 6345. 170 kHz intervals. Spurs weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA [and non]. Anyone know if the station on 1690 at Concordia University in Montreal on the air yet? I did hear the 1630 from Ottawa with French. It was weak but steady and talk seemed to be airport-related. I've had CHYW, the local airport station, before, but only once or twice. Also had 1640 WPRT625, in Pa., for a new catch. I think it's the third TIS/HAR-type station heard from PA on 1640 here. (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, March 17, IRCA via DXLD)

\*\* CHAD. 4905, 1700-1735\* and back about 1820-1845 and 2105-2134\* 08-03, R. Tchad, N'Djaména back, but still with transmitter fall out, Arabic/vernacular/French talks about N'Djaména, political comments, African songs, sign-off National Anthem, 43443. QRM Tibet until 1810\* Also heard on 11+12-15-03 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4905, RD. Nationale Tchadienne, Grevia, 1712-..., 17 Mar, Arabic, news; 45433. Has been noted off some evenings, and inactive/inaudible on daytime outlet of 6165. I did try their other outlet, 7120, but bad propagation conditions did not help at all, to a point that other 41 m band African stations are putting very modest signals (Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905, Radio Chad, 2130-2150, escuchada el 17 de marzo en francés a locutor en programa musical, ID iRadio Chad... kilohertz.î, música reggae africano y afro-pop; se aprecia muy buena señal y la ausencia

del molesto zumbido de los últimos días, SINPO 45444 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108 YAESU FRG-7700, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CLIPPERTON. TX5C, CLIPPERTON ATOLL DXPEDITION UPDATE. The operation is now QRT as of early March 15th. Last report on their Web page is a total of 59875 QSOs: CW/28402, SSB/28736 and RTTY/2737. The team had to endure major tropical storms and extreme heat which took its toll on operators and equipment. QSL via N7CQQ, by the bureau or direct to: John Kennon, P.O. Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada 89028, USA. The log will also be uploaded to LoTW once the official log has been certified. For more information, online log and updates, visit the TX5C Web page at: <http://www.clipperton2008.org>  
(The Ohio/Penn DX PacketCluster, March 17, 2008, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

I'm afraid they will consider themselves a failure for not racking up 3 or 4 times that many QSOs, which seems to be the measure of a DXpedition. We should appreciate their going thru all they did to make it happen for a good week, at least (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* COSTA RICA. 5954.14, 2310-2328 13-03, ELCOR Transmitter tested (presumed) Spanish announcement, Spanish songs. Strong, but very much disturbed by R Taiwan International/Okeechobee 5950 (strong), R Pio Doce, Bolivia 5952.45 (very weak) and Voice of Turkey 5960 (strong), and totally spoiled at \*2328 by Democratic Voice of Burma signing on from Wertachtal on 5955 33433 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Wonder what the announcement said, as there usually aren't any (gh)

Re 8-034: Scott, most probably what you have heard on the mystery 5954 transmitter, was Colombian singer Shakira, from whom I've always have considered that overpassed Alanis Morrisette with her vocal imitation. Shakira, as well as Mexican group Maná, are everyday recipes in those test transmissions. BTW Terry, that ELCOR transmitter tests were running between 2300 to 2400, Monday to Friday at the beginning. For the last month or so, they have changed to 2230-2330 and in fact, they are now including Saturdays, as I heard them last March 8. So, here's your chance to check this weekend. 73 (Raúl Saavedra, Costa Rica, March 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5954.115, unidentified ELCOR transmitter station, Guápiles; \*2227-2327\* 16 March, 2008. Checking from 2205+, and finally this came up at 2227, into Spanish male vocal at 2228. The usual cycled nonstop music format until the last track play ended at 2326, then transmitter off at 2327. So, to answer my own question, this is a seven-day operation.

Bet it's all on a timer.

Also 2302-2310 14 March, 2008. Good signal but as usual, terribly crushed by adjacent channels. Spanish vocals. Frequencies that are reported to the .000 were arrogantly measured on the IC-R75 (vs. the NRD-535). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mere speculation --- Could this be the ELCOR source, the TIRN 1140 entry? <http://www.aciprensa.com/radio/costa.htm>

But if so they don't want to say (official site):  
[http://www.gratisweb.com/DIOLIMON/radio\\_nueva.htm](http://www.gratisweb.com/DIOLIMON/radio_nueva.htm)  
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Doubt it. I believe it is Ra'l who doubts any religious station could be behind 5954, due to the type of music played, FWIW (Glenn to Terry, via DXLD)

Suck 'em in with Madonna and then WHAM, hit them with scripture one day. God works in mysterious ways (Terry Krueger, ibid.)

\*\* COSTA RICA. Use to listen Russ Davies' Jazz America on VOA 9760 [Philippines] between 1300-1400 on weekends, most of the time arriving here with good signal. Since Sat. 15 March, I began to notice a slight het in USB. On Sunday it became more evident at 1400, so went up to measure REE via Cariari on 9764. As the 7600GR lacks decimals so I zero beat the frequency with SSB. Has anybody else detected this? 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Raul, I have a weak carrier, not enough for audio on 9764.28 kHz here in Finland. Maybe that? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Buenos dias, Raul: On my R8B, it zero beats to 9764 exactly. There are some hets in there too that I'm going to try to decipher. 73 (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY (about 160 mi. due north of New York City), ibid.)

Buen d'ia, John and Mauno. I was about to send this reply when a sudden power outage happened an hour ago. Mmm...why not that 9764 is the same REE Cariari unit operating one kc. down for their 0400-0800 on 5964, referred by Dan and Glenn on DXLD 8-032? 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, March 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Meanwhile:

Several weeks after it first happened, REE via Cariari de Pococí remains exactly 1 kHz off frequency, 5964, obviously the case as it produces a big het against 5965 stations such as Cuba or Vatican. Now the inflexion has spread to another Cariari relay frequency, 9765.

Tuning across 31m, March 16 at 1313, heard a two-pitched het with VOA 9760 and some weak signal on 9765. Yes, REE on 9764! Checked their other CR frequency, 15170, but it was not on 15169, yet. In noting the HONDURAS carrier on 3340, Sunday March 16 at 0446, I found REE on 3350 or so; HFCC has this Tue-Sat only at 0200-0600, but other listings show it daily, so the latter are correct; anyhow, I should have measured 3350 to see if it is offset too; next time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Next time: UT March 17 at 0542, yes on 3350.0 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9764, Radio Exterior de España, Cariari de Pococí; 0022-0028 18 March, 2008. As reported by several others before me as being off-channel here. Spanish male discussion. Memo to engineer: if you bump this back to 9765, also fix the low modulation. Or better yet, close down this relay site (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CROATIA [non]. CROÍCIA via ALEMANHA - Diariamente, a Voz da Croácia transmite, em espanhol, em diversos horários. Tem Última sintonia, no Sul do Brasil, às 0030 e 0430, em 7285 kHz, conforme monitoria de Kariane Modelski Golembieski, de Nova Prata (RS). As emissões dos domingos são ocupadas com muita música, segundo ela (Célio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX March 16 via DXLD)

\*\* CUBA. 6300, RHC; 0015-0019 18 March, 2008. The spurious mutation here, clear and fair with Spanish discussion. Intentionally modulated channels 6000 and 6180 in at local level (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. DentroCuban Jamming Command, running at full force on 6100, March 16 at 0440. No trace of Radio República, which supposedly closes on this frequency at 0400, and I don't think has ever been reported later than 0400, but hey, burn up some more megawatts just in case. The collateral victim of this is TWR Swaziland which opens at 0400 on 6100.

BTW, Aoki says this RR frequency is Sackville, and with WRMI brokering, at 0200-0400 Tue-Sat. But as Jeff White has maintained repeatedly, these RR transmissions on 49m have nothing whatsoever to do with WRMI, just the ones on 9955; and surely the 6135/6155/6100 broadcasts are 7 days a week.

R. Rebelde, 5025, with baseball play by play, 0442 UT Sunday March 16. Rather late game, approaching local midnite, or is this normal in Cuba? Night games are no doubt more comfortable in the tropics, but burn up more lighting power (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. 1180, Rebelde FM and Radio Rebelde (multiple sites); 2109-



2115 16 March, 2008. Live play-by-play baseball coverage on Rebelde (parallel 5025), but equal level Rebelde FM with Cuban ballads and rock, female jock ID. Actually, two Rebelde FM transmitters, the weak one slightly delayed. There's always three or four Rebelde transmitters here, but only occasionally are they not being fed standard (non-Rebelde FM) audio (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. Yet another complaint against the DentreCuban Jamming Command: March 17 at 0546, I found rapid clix like ``Geiger counter`` peaking at several places in the 10 MHz area, approx.: 10120, 10065, 10010, 9905, 9845, 9790. Note these are 50-60 kHz apart, centered around: 9955! Where there was heavy jamming against WRMI, but this jamming was the usual roar, not the Geiger counter; it also extended a little further away from 9955 than usual. Therefore, I think these are spurs from the jammers on 9955. BTW, there should have been no jamming on 9955 at this hour since the program scheduled is: Studio DX, the Italian DX program by Robert Scaglione! That's UT Monday at 0530-0600; however, on UT Saturday and Sunday, Radio Rep'blica is on 9955 at 0500-0700, per the grid at <http://www.wrmi.net/images/wrmichart.xls> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. QSL on the air, si amigos, QSL on the air to the many RHC listeners that have written to me asking for more information about Cuba's AM and FM radio broadcasting stations. So following the request, I will tell you today about one of the most widely heard AM stations from Central Cuba. It is the Santa Clara Radio Reloj station relay operating on 570 kilohertz running now a nice new 25 kilowatts solid state transmitter, after the old Tesla vacuum tube technology that served there for many years was finally taken off the air. Radio Reloj's Santa Clara City relay station has a very nice 400 feet high antenna, with a very good ground system, and the reason that this low frequency channel was selected for Radio Reloj's relay serving Villa Clara, Cienfuegos and Sancti Spiritus provinces was no other than the mountainous characteristics of most of the service area, where lower AM broadcast frequencies provide much better ground wave service than stations operating on the part of the band above 800 kilohertz or so (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited March 11, HCDX March 14 via DXLD)

QSL on the air, si amigos, QSL on the air to the many RHC listeners that have written to me asking for more information about Cuba's AM and FM radio broadcasting stations. So following the request, I will continue this new segment of DXers Unlimited with more information about stations broadcasting from Central Cuba. In Santa Clara City on 840 kilohertz CMHW, known to its listeners as LA DOBLEVE is now on the air with a new solid state high energy efficiency transmitter that is capable of 125 percent positive peak modulation. La DOBLEVE can be

heard not only in Villaclara province, but also in neighboring Cienfuegos, Sancti Spiritus and Matanzas.

And talking about Matanzas, the new frequency for the provincial station's main transmitter is 1060 kiloHertz, again Radio Veintiseis, from the center of Matanzas province, with its new solid state transmitter on 1060 kiloHertz providing excellent coverage of the whole of Matanzas province, part of Cienfuegos and the southwestern area of La Habana province. The two new installations form part of a program now in progress to upgrade the AM medium wave band facilities by replacing the obsolete vacuum tube transmitters with new energy efficient equipment that is also capable of 125 percent positive peak modulation, something that increases the coverage of the stations as compared with what could be achieved with the old transmitters (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited March 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

It's good to see him reporting some MW details. I've actually had 1060 Radio 26 reported since early 2004 though, so while the transmitter is apparently new, the frequency has been active for awhile. Maybe just a translation issue (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Such features about Cuba's various MW stations were suggested here some months ago, when he dismissed them (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* CUBA [non]. 530, FLORIDA AIRSPACE, airborne Radio Marti [not]; again I made quick checks, this time on local Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 at 2200 and 2300 GMT. Nothing except the usual strong Radio Encyclopedia [Cuba] and (later) Radio Visi n Cristiana [Turks and Caicos]. (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CYPRUS. 9760, Cyprus BC Corp, Limassol, \*2215-2245\*, March 16 sign on with Greek music. Greek opening announcements. Radio-drama. Greek folk music. Sign off with Greek music. Very good at sign on but slowly deteriorated to a weak signal by sign off. // 7210-mixing with a somewhat stronger China Radio International // 6180-weak under Brazil. Fri, Sat, Sun only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 5009.78, 2335-2400\* 12+13-03 R. Cristal Internacional, Sto. Domingo (very, very tentative) Spanish (??) fast and slow talks, music and songs 15221 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) And why not Madagascar?

5009.75, Radio Cristal Internacional/Radio Pueblo transmitter, Santo Domingo; 2314-2354 14 March, 2008. This is a tentative for certain, but it would seem to be the one so I'm sticking it here. Not sure when they were last active. Tune-in to songs by baritone Spanish vocalist

with sparse instrumental accompaniment, seemingly canned male briefly at 2322, 2328, 2338, brief female vocal and into some kind of discussion by two guys with one "dominicana" reference. I left the room from 2354-2357, and upon return, this had signed off. Telco-ish audio. No Radio Madagasikara running overnight tonight, otherwise I doubt this would have made it. A check at 2340 on 15 March and 16 March at 2335 had nothing here. Time to check local weekdays next (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MADAGASCAR, from March 16 back here (gh)

5009.77, Radio Cristal Internacional/Radio Pueblo transmitter, Santo Domingo; 2352-0000\* 17 March, 2008. A follow-up to my initial 14 March log (and no trace of this on local Saturday and Sunday, between this log). By the time I got to the radio after doing other chores, this was indeed on again (local Monday). The same odd slow Spanish male vocals with sparse instrumental backup, not Christian though. Abruptly off mid-song at 0000. Signal pretty good, though modulation a little low. Anyone else hearing this (Atlantic seaboard, south Florida or Costa Rica should be trying for it)? Like my initial log, I will keep this as tentative until confirmed (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ECUADOR [non]. Re shortwave stations having meetings for local listeners, didn't HCJB used to do this in the US once in a while? Of course, they had an agenda beyond just having people listen, but, still, it seems to me that they used to do it. 73, (Tim Hendel, Huntsville AL, March 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I know they would have dinners at various 'home-ministry' churches, designed to rope gullible churchgoers into financing them, and probably still do; but I bet few of those were actually SW listeners (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ETHIOPIA. 5950, Voice of Tigrey Revolution, Mekele, 0350-0420, March 17, tune-in to Horn of Africa music. Amharic talk at 0401. Surprisingly stronger than co-channel Radio Taiwan International via Okeechobee, Florida. Weaker on // 6170 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also WORLD OF HOROLOGY

\*\* GABON. 4777, RD. TV Gabonaise, "R. Gabon", Melen, 1619-..., 16 Mar, French, end of match report followed by African pops; 15441 and improving; could not observe sign-off time of 1700. (GonÁalves)

14540 (harmonic of 7270), RD. TV Gabonaise, "R. Gabon", Melen, around noon, 15 Mar, French; 35433 except during sporadic amateur QRM. Inaudible on the fundamental (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Ham band ends at 14350 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* GREECE. Dear Friend Babis Charalampopoulos, I did not hear "Greek In Style. the musical program in English, which is usually heard on the Voice of Greece on UT Monday from 0005 to 0105. Am I correct in assuming that the program has been canceled due to the beginning on March 10 of the Lent period in Greece? Regards ke kali sarakosti, (John Babbis, Silver Spring MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7475, 9420

\*\* GUATEMALA. The Radio Verdad, Guatemala, QSL, pennant and sticker images have now been added to the QSL gallery at <http://www.worldofradio.com/QSL.html> (Glenn Hauser, March 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* HAITI. Not on DST: see U S A: VOA/4VEH

\*\* HONDURAS. I have noted an open carrier several times late at night on 3340. I can only assume this is HRMI. Stayed with it 0446-0450 UT March 16, but no trace of any modulation here between CHU and REE. Wonder if they just turn on the transmitter and assume it is axually modulating, wasting wattage. Supposedly scheduled at least until 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. Re: [dx\_india] AIR Itanagar back, 8-034: Hi Glen[n], Sorry. Yes reference to 4990. How silly of me to forget the frequency. No signals observed today. So it appears they are still struggling with the transmitter. Nothing on 4990 at 0200 nor 6150. 73 (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, March 15, dx\_india via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Victor, Thank you for the tips! Here in Denmark I heard AIR Itanagar signing on on March 14 at 0025 with low modulation, but still SINPO 34232. But similar to you, I heard nothing same time March 15. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, ibid.)

4990, \*0022-0035 14-03, AIR Itanagar back on the air Hindi (?) announcement after AIR Hymn, talks with musical pieces in between, low modulation, 34232. Splashed from Xinjiang 4980 in Uighur. AIR Itanagar was not heard same time 15-03 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also ANDAMAN

\*\* INDIA. 4965, AIR Shimla heard 3/14 with rare opening from 1416 tune to 1440 fade as VOR Tajikistan is normally dominating this channel. Woman in vernacular with frequent commercials typical of some AIR regionals. Shifted to man after 1430 but gone by 1440. No muisc heard. SINPO 23532 (Bruce Churchill, CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. 2960, RPD Manggarai (tentative), 1350 3/10/08. Female announcer today playing upbeat island music, 1358 slower ballad right thru ToH with no announcement, 1404 female announcer interviewing man past 1410 fade out. Fair signal today on clear frequency with

occasional deep fades. No sign of Indo on 3579 but 3325 3345 and 4605 Indo's all in strong. We'll see if they reply to Indo and English reports (Jim Fedor, Wells, Nevada, Icom R-70 Longwire cut for 90 meters, NASWA Flashsheet March 16 via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. Ides of March Logs --- Local sunrise at 1240z  
RRI Pontianak Borneo 3976.05 at 1310z  
RRI Manokwari Papua 3987.02 at 1325z with vocals (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, Drake R8B, vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRAN. 13801.545, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Zahedan; 1410-1428\* 15 March, 2008. Nonstop discussion by man and woman in Arabic, abruptly off mid-sentence. Clear and fair. Frequencies that are reported to the .000 were arrogantly measured on the IC-R75 (vs. the NRD-535). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRELAND. RTE 567 closedown details --- As previously reported the RTE Tullamore medium wave transmitter on 567 will close on 24 March. The details of exact times are given below:

This weekend will see sport on mediumwave and VHF output on longwave during opt-outs from the main service.

From closedown on 567, longwave will then carry the sport opt-outs currently on mediumwave. RTE Europe on Sky will become the longwave service from then.

On 24 March, RTE Radio 1 will be on 567 kHz until 1330.

At this point, there will be a "countdown to the end" so they describe, with a final goodbye to medium wave, until 1500 hrs when the transmitter will be switched off (RTE via James Robinson, uk radio listeners, via Mike Barraclough, March 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, I thought you might be interested in the following email I sent to RT... today, St Patricks Day, about their decision to to close down medium wave. On a day that the world celebrates its Irish connections (what other country has an international image brand like St Patricks Day?) RT... wants to cut more foreign listeners off! No doubt I will not get an answer!  
Kind regards, (Paul Guckian, Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Dear Sirs, As it seems that RT... is celebrating the closure of medium wave transmissions please check out the following blogs on the subject from Radio Netherlands :  
<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/rte-plans-to-switch-off-mediumwave-on-24-march>

I understand that the 252 LW transmitter was upgraded in 2004. Did this improvement also involve reducing the strength of the transmitter from 500 to 300 kW? And what is its strength at night, as anytime I have tuned to 252 at night in Britain the reception gets generally poor and I have often had to retune to 567.

Also the figure that RT... states that only 1 in 10 RT... radio listeners listen on medium wave; does this include Radio 1 listeners in Northern Ireland and Great Britain?

I strongly feel that this decision is a mistake at this point in time and is another example of RT... not caring for its overseas listeners just like a few years ago it suddenly withdrew its 30 minute news broadcast on short wave leaving many overseas Irish listeners in the dark. Yours, Paul Guckian (via DXLD)

\*\* ISRAEL. 6973.005, Galei Zahal, Lod; 0050-0230 16 March, 2008. "Marblemouth Jewman", the totally coolest jock out there -- and he sounds like he's about 65-years-old -- is in the seat tonight (he's usually, but not always, on GMT Sundays around this time and forward). He always comes up with multiple themes or angles, if you're sharp enough to pick up on it. Three or four songs by the same artist this time (for awhile), with The Mamas & the Pappas followed by Roger Whittaker. Then, Scott Walker "I Get A Kick Out of You" into Frank & Nancy Sinatra "Something Stupid" (get it here? Frank covered "I Get A Kick Out of You" -- now that was shockingly clever as hell of Marblemouth, to throw Scott Walker into the headgame).

Later, female covers of other rocker-penned songs (The Carpenters covering "This Masquerade" written by Leon Russell, and Melanie's cover of "Ruby Tuesday" penned by Mick Jagger & Keith Richard[s]). The latter may have been a difficult choice for Marblemouth: he could have used Marianne Faithfull's cover instead. A couple of Johnny Nash reggae songs, a Buddy Holly song, and Tommy Roe's "Dizzy" (OK, he finally lost me here on the theme or links; so he finally wins but I think I did pretty good). Frequencies that are reported to the .000 were arrogantly measured on the IC-R75 (vs. the NRD-535).

If IBA did in fact cease on shortwave, how much longer until this one follows? What a loss it will be.

15785, Galei Zahal, Lod; 1248-1302+ 16 March, 2008. Strong and alone, Hebrew folk and ballads, the usual multiple canned ID jingles before the hour, Galei Zahal music theme, single time sounder 1300 into two minute world news summary in Hebrew. Still quite strong at 1527 recheck (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ISRAEL. Dear friends, Experienced DX-er Roland Schulze phoned me 3 quarters of an hour ago from Stuttgart, telling that Israeli Galei Tzahal could be heard on 5000 kHz. I am listening to it since 1735 UT (March 17) and indeed it is heard in USB and weaker in AM mode // 6973, but about two seconds delayed. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, on air at 2147 UT, 5000 kHz USB // 6973, GALEI TZAHAL, Israel. Ciao e buoni DX!!! (Mauro - Giroletti, Swl 1510, IK2GFT, JRC525Nrd - Lowe HF150, Filter PAR Electronics ñ BCST-LPF + BCST-HPF, Evasdropper SWL Sloper 11mt to 120mt Band, Lat. 45.42166 Long. 9.1248 -Locator grid. Jn 45 Nk- March 17, playdx yg via DXLD)

Hi Mauro, 5000 USB // 6973 AM, Galei Zahal, 2200 UT, Valencia (Spain), thanks (JosÈ Miguel Romero, March 17, ibid.)

Er, don't they know that 5000 is reserved for standard frequency and timesignal stations worldwide? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5000, Galei Zahal, Tel Aviv, 2130-2220, March 17, Hebrew talk. Local pop music. Ballads. Canned announcements. Barely audible but improving. // 6973-but with a slight delay. Tnx to tip from Roland Schulze & Anker Petersen (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JAPAN. 5006, JG2XA, Tokyo, 1322 Mar 12. CW ID's with "JG2XA" and other Morse text struggling, unsuccessfully, to rise above the noise level (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi John. JG2XA on 5006 is rather good propagation beacon here. When heard, it shows there's nice Asian propagation on this band. Not too easy to get ID, as the morse is given as AM, not cutting the basic carrier. They have a nice QSL-card. I got mine in 2006 by post after sending RR to tomizawa (at) ee.uec.ac.jp

More info about the project at  
[http://ssro.ee.uec.ac.jp/lab\\_tomi/HFD/index.html](http://ssro.ee.uec.ac.jp/lab_tomi/HFD/index.html)

Back then it was 200 Watts; I guess it's the same power also nowadays. 73 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

\*\* JORDAN [non]. GUAM. 11690, AWR-Voice of Hope, \*1530-1545, March 15, opening English ID announcements & into religious programming. Very weak. Lost in noise at 1545. Looking for Jordan but still off the air (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. Ides of March Logs --- Local sunrise at 1240z: KCBS DS

3480.96 at 1245z. I first heard a het when tuning across 3480. No audio on 3480 but weak but clear audio at 3480.96 when using SSB. I checked for parallel channels and found 2850 & 3959.7 (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, Drake R8B, vertical, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. 3970, North Korea, KCBS Pyongyang (presumed), Wonsan; 17-Mar Korean 0925-0939 nationalistic music by female and choir. In parallel with 3960 but weaker, 23222 (L'cio Ot'vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 39 S, 46 52 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. Uploaded VofKorea.pdf to the files section [of the dxldyg]. Contains scans of items received from V. of Korea for my January 3, 2008 \*1301 UTC 9335 kHz report. 8 page pdf. Page 1 QSL front, page 2 QSL back, page 3 letter, page 4 pennant and pin, page 5 schedule, page 6 calendar front, page 7 calendar back and page 8 partial front scan of "The Pyongyang Times"

Sent thru postal mail to V. of Korea, Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea via Beijing, PRC. Person at post office told me the address was a mistake. I told him I knew what I was doing.

As far as I know items from North Korea are extremely rare in the U.S. If you need a North Korea confirmation, perhaps now is the time! Someone about 1 year ago was asking how to QSL V. of Korea. These scans are proof it can be done. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA, March 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [and non]. NORTH KOREA JAMMED THE AVIATION FREQUENCY

According to Asahi Simbun; Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication announced that radio signal radiated from North Korea jammed the 8 MHz band aviation shortwave frequency of New Tokyo International Airport (Narita Airport) at 0811-1157 on March 15. The radio signal was confirmed from North Korea, and consisted of music and human voices. There was no influence on aviation control of the day. The Ministry reported this fact to ITU as the violation of international radio regulations.

Asian Broadcasting Institute observed the 2nd harmonic of clandestine "South Korean National Democratic Front Pyongyang Branch" (4450 kHz from Pyongyang) on 8900 kHz. It is presumed this second harmonic interfered the aviation frequency 8897 kHz (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In which case the `jamming` really could have been unintentional; we know what rich harmonic-producers the NK SW transmitters are. But if so, surprising that this has not happened before (Glenn Hauser, DX



LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [and non]. NKOREA DENOUNCES RADIO BROADCASTS FROM THE SOUTH March 16, 2008, Seoul, AFP

North Korea on Sunday accused South Korean conservatives of stepping up propaganda radio broadcasts against Pyongyang in collaboration with the US and Japan.

A spokesman for the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland, a communist party-run body, warned the broadcasts would only increase tension in inter-Korean ties. . .  
[http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5iDJjKtzc\\_G63MCSkx8EfupMc6IoA](http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5iDJjKtzc_G63MCSkx8EfupMc6IoA)  
(via MIke Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [non]. 9630, "KOREA (DPR)", presumed Korea Reform Radio via Hu Wei, 1222-1230\*, Mar 13, Korean. Announcer with talk until music bit at 1228; different announcer with sign-off announcements and filler music until 1230; fair (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH-USA, R8, R75, NIR10, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60M dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LAOS [non]. So much for trying to second-guess what WHR will do with scheduling Hmong Lao Radio. Sunday March 9, first day of DST, it was not on in the 1400 UT hour as it had been all winter on 11785, since DXing With Cumbre was noted at 1435. Did not check whether HLR was on before 1400. Yet the next broadcast of HLR, Saturday March 15, WAS on in the 1400 UT hour on 11785, as heard at 1450. The website <http://www.h-lr.com/> with more than a megahit, continues to claim it is Sat & Sun at 8 am Central time, i.e. 1300 UT!

However, on Sunday March 16, HLR was going at 1310 on 11785, and DXing With Cumbre was going with Chris Lobdell at 1440. So will they manage to get HLR on at 1300 instead of 1400 coming Saturdays? Maybe next weekend they will get it straightened out (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LATVIA. 9290, Radio Marina, 1259-1330, 16-03, Música religiosa, identificación en inglés a las 1303: "You are listening to Radio Marina, Netherlands, broadcasting via Latvia on short wave, 9290 kHz, with religious program. Radio Marina, P. O. Box 1100, 8300 Emmeloord, Netherlands". Luego identificación en holandés, música y canciones religiosas con comentarios en holandés. 45444. (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, escucha realizada en casco urbano de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LATVIA. EASTER WEEKEND BROADCASTS FROM THE RADIO CAROLINE SHIP  
Easter 2008 live from Ross Revenge

The entire weekend will be hosted by presenters from our second ship, Mi Amigo who all served on board between 1977 and 1980.

Some of the team are shown on the left - then and now! This special birthday broadcast starts at 6 a.m. on Good Friday and runs until midnight on Easter Monday. You'll be able to watch some of the action via on-board webcams.

There'll be some additional ways to listen this Easter too. You'll be able to tune in via our friends at Radio Mi Amigo where a special stream will be dedicated entirely to Caroline. They will also be replacing some their regular programmes with ours. Just go to <http://www.radiomiamigo.eu>

Caroline will also be available on 9290 kHz shortwave from Latvia between 15:00-18:00 [UT??] on Easter Sunday afternoon.

Please do not attempt to visit Ross Revenge this Easter. We hope to move the ship to a more accessible location soon and look forward to seeing you then. <http://www.radiocaroline.co.uk>  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) They assume everyone knows or cares when Easter weekend is in Britain? March 21-24 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* LIBYA. 21695, Voice of Africa, 1515-1600\*, March 17, noted back on the air after being off the past several days. English programming with local pop music. IDs. Program at 1521 about local geography. News at 1528. Readings from the Green Book at 1536. Good. Strong. Weak // 17725. But by sign off 17725 was strong and 21695 was weak (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WHRI

\*\* LITHUANIA. Just checked at 0110 UT, and only a trace of a signal on 6040, not even sure it is KBC, supposedly there now via Lithuania UT Sundays only 0100-0200. European signals such as 6055 Spain, 6240 Moldova were making it OK. How well are others hearing this, further east? Glenn, OK, March 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KBC at 0103 playing The Four Tops "Reach Out I'll Be There" followed by Cream's "White Room", at threshold level. Surely KBC is now on 6040, completely in the clear, no adjacent splatters, but how can that signal coming from supposedly the same transmitter turn so poor after switching from 6265? 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, Sony ICF7600GR + T2FD, ibid.)

KBC also heard here 0137-0200\* with 4 Seasons "Walk Like A Man", Beach Boys "Help Me Rhonda" and others, Wolfman Jack DJ intros, KBC promos at 0147, 0156-latter giving nice "on the Mighty K-B-C" ID plus URL and what sounded like a phone# UnID slightly below 6040 causing het

(?Paranaense?). Using Grundig G5 & 4m. of speaker wire strung around the XTerra's roof rack. Thanks to GH/Raul for the info! (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, *ibid.*)

Yes Dan, I rechecked by the time that Beach Boys song was ending and KBC signal had improved remarkably. Caught my attention they did something the Wolfman hardly would approve, those secondary takes for "Baby Come Back" by The Equals and "The Jerk" by The Larks. No splatter noted, was in the clear all the way unto TOH when they played their characteristic piece of music. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, *ibid.*)

6040 NF, The Mighty KBC, 0150-0200, March 16, pop music, ID. Weak. Poor in noise plus QRM from Brazil on 6039.63 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LUXEMBOURG. JUNGLINSTER 5990 CLOSED DOWN "FOR THE TIME BEING"  
See <http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,451822,570364,sv=1#msg-570364>

"Heute wurde RTL 5990 ganz abgeschaltet bis auf weiteres....." =  
"Today RTL 5990 has been switched off altogether for the time being".  
"JeanB" has obviously direct contacts to BCE, so I think this information is reliable (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. DRM 5985-5990-5995 (gh)

5990 now not listed on the [drm.org](http://www.drm.org/livebroadcast/livebroadcast.php) website schedule:  
<http://www.drm.org/livebroadcast/livebroadcast.php>  
(Mike Barraclough, *ibid.*)

\*\* MADAGASCAR. I saw in the last DXLD a QSL log for Radio Madagascar. It was sent to BP 1202. On Radio Madagasikara's website, <http://takelaka.dts.mg/radmad/> they say BP 442 and also in some of my other publications. I was wondering if this was the now correct address or it is one of those things where it does not matter because the post office in 'Tana will put it into the correct box. I have read where the 1202 address had letters returned to the senders <http://www.schoechi.de/af-mdg.html> Perhaps Christoph Ratzler, Austria can maybe confirm which address is on the envelope and or letterhead. Thanks (Stephen J. Price, Johnstown, PA, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010, R.TV Malagasy, Antananarivo; 16-Mar, Malagasy, 2246-2257 French and Vernacular, slow music, sometimes a hiliife, 2248 canned ID. Strong 54444 (L'cio Ot-vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 39 S, 46 52 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010, RTV Malagasy, 2345-0045+, March 16-17, Irregular lately. Wide variety of local pop music, local ballads, and Euro-pop music. Remakes of US pop music. Very little talk. Fair. Suppressed carrier USB.

(Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

\*\* MAURITANIA. 783, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1019-1120 (!) (fade-out later on), 15 Mar, Arabic, Arabic music, phone-ins; 14441, adjacent QRM de Espa a. Neither 4845 nor 7245 were audible at this time, but the latter surfaced later as it was well audible around 1300 (Carlos Gon alves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MEXICO. 4800 and 4810: XERTA silent last week (Robert Wilkner, FL, March 17, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* MOROCCO. 1643 kHz, (FM-like modulation) RTM-"B", site?, active again, 2009-..., 15 Mar, French, newscast; 45444. Also 1001-1629, 16 Mar, French, newscast, sports news in progress at 1625; 45454 (Carlos Gon alves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MOROCCO. 15345, very undermodulated talk in Arabic, March 17 at 2006; no comparison with audio on 15315 Bonaire, for instance. This must be RTVM, as in EiBi, tho it hides out from HFCC, as does RAE Argentina, which did not even figure as a het at this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MYANMAR. Was listening to Myanmar [presumably 7185] with strong signals and International news in English at 0230 and sign-off at 0300 after English segment. 9730 started up at 0300. Yangon sked needs updating. Will do that soon. 73 (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, March 15, dx\_india via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand International A08  
30 Mar 2008 - 28 Sep 2008, all daily

UTC	kHz	Target	Azimuth
0459-0658	9615 AM & 9890	DRM Pacific	0
0659-0758	7145 AM & 9890	DRM Pacific	0
0759-1058	7145 AM & 6095	DRM Pacific	0
1059-1158	9655 AM & 6095	DRM NW Pac, Bougainville, PNG, Asia	325
1158-1258	9655 AM	NW Pac, B-ville, PNG, Timor, Asia	325
1300-1550	6095 AM	Pacific	0
1551-1850	7145 AM & 6095	DRM NE Pac, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Is	35
1851-1935	9615 AM & 9890	DRM NE Pac, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Is	35
1936-1950	9615 AM & 11675	DRM Tonga	0
1951-2050	11725 AM & 11675	DRM NE Pac, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Is	35
2051-2235	15720 AM & 13840	DRM NW Pac, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands	325
2236-0458	13840 AM & 15720	DRM Pacific	0

(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via Glenn Hauser, tidied up for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGER. Re QSL from ORTN: <http://www.ortn-niger.com/contact.php> you may see his photo --- ORTN - Office de Radiodiffusion Télévision du Niger, Laouali Maraka, Directeur technique, ORTN, Email: maraka\_laouali@yahoo.fr (Dario Monferini, playdxyg via DXLD) et al.

\*\* NIGERIA. RADIO NIGERIA IS NO POLITICAL PAWN -Ed, Frcn Kaduna  
Daily Trust (Abuja) INTERVIEW 17 March 2008  
Posted to the web 17 March 2008 By Sani Babadoko

Two weeks ago the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) Kaduna added a new 10 kilowatts Frequency Modulated (FM) transmitter for its Hausa listeners. This is coming 46 years after the station's establishment by the then government of the defunct Northern region. It is also the forerunner to the planned replacement of its obsolete Short Wave (SW) and medium Wave (MW) transmitters. Despite the politically inspired controversy that trailed the location of some of its new FM stations in states controlled by opposition parties, the Executive Director FRCN Kaduna, Alhaji Ladan Salihu in this interview with our Kaduna Bureau Chief, Sani Babadoko, insists they are not political pawns. He says the replacement of the SW and MW transmitters will restore Radio Kaduna's lost glory. Excerpts:

[Here limited to few grafs in long article mentioning shortwave -- gh]

But the big picture really is not the FM. The big picture to me, and the management of FRCN Kaduna, is actually the Short Wave (SW) and the Medium Wave (MW) transmission platforms, which is what we are known for. The Hausa FM basically caters for Kaduna state and its environs, but the SW and MW transmission takes you to every nook and cranny of the country, and that is what we are emphasizing on to ensure that our people, wherever they are in the country, can tune to FRCN Kaduna. A Hausaman, for instance, living in Port Harcourt, Lagos, Enugu, Konduga, Ganborun-Ngala, Maiduguri or in Mambilla plateau for that matter, can be reached by Radio Nigeria Kaduna. We also provide information and entertainment to Nigerians whether they are from the East, West, North and South where they can know the happenings up North and hear news about their own kinsmen for the country's unity.

Basically, the SW and the MW transmission platforms are the cherished arms of Radio Nigeria, Kaduna and that is what we are concentrating on. The Hausa FM as I said is a matter of variety.

Indeed we are part of the technological development mainly because we are streaming Supreme FM, one of the stations on the FRCN bouquet, on the internet, but the Short Wave (SW) and the Medium Wave (MW) transmissions will also eventually be on the internet when our transmitters are replaced. Now beyond that I want to tell you that

streaming on the Internet, as far as our core operations are concerned, is something we will do inevitably. But mark you, more than 70 percent of our audience do not have access to computers, and do not have access to Internet cafes. Our audience are mostly the everyday people living in towns, villages, hamlets dotted all over the country, and day in day out they tune to Radio Nigeria, Kaduna for news about events happening in the country and beyond. So we are, taking the ICT pari pasu with our own developmental objectives, and they have to go with our own dreams and aspirations as we try to reposition FRNC Kaduna. . . <http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200803171608.html> (via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD)

Kaduna is certainly active on 4770, heard here just about any night around 0600 as recently reported; and (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4770, Radio Nigeria, Kaduna, 2240-2243, escuchada el 13 de marzo con emisi n de m sica pop mel dica con coros, el nivel de audio muy bajo, SINPO 35443 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, YAESU FRG-7700, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 3430, US Pirate, The Crystal Ship, 0036 UT, 3-12, Strong but somewhat distorted signal. Some nice music that I have not heard in many years. Went off air around 0150. Also 0146 UT, 3-14, still had a strong but somewhat distorted signal. Also announced that they were broadcasting on 6700 but I could not find them there (Mike Rohde, OH, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* PAKISTAN. Hi Glenn, March 16, 2008. 1200-1245 UT, 7445 kHz. Radio Pakistan Bangla service was monitored in Lahore today. For initial two minutes the signal was weak but later on improved considerably. SINPO rating was 44343 which is unprecedented for API-3. Its peculiar buzz/howl was very low. Surprisingly no transmitter-studio link breakdown was noted, which is a hallmark of API-3. Program contents were Kor'an recitation followed by Bangla translation, Urdu devotional song, Bangla Qawwali, News, Bangla and Urdu devotional music and News comment. Program announcers were speaking flawless and fluent Bangla (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, Radio Madang/NBC Madang, 2-page personal QSL letter received from Michael Samuga, Acting Assistant Manager, who apologized for the delay due a computer crash and noted that the enclosed CD I'd sent was actually a recording of special election coverage, with Mr. Samuga and another staffer doing live remote reports from the vote counting and a third staffer anchoring a music program between updates. He adds that "Our normal transmission hours are from 1700(local time, that's 0700 GMT) to 2200 [a.k.a. 1200 UT],

but because of the special election coverage transmission was extended for another two hours [to 1400 UT], and that was the segment of transmission that you listened to."

Of further interest was the note that the station is now known as NBC Madang: "This is part of major changes that our organization, the National Broadcasting Corporation of Papua New Guinea is presently going through. Part of the changes would see the eventual phasing out of all SW transmitters by 2015 with all NBC stations (20 in all) transmitting through FM and AM."

All this in 4 months for an English report, CD, and mint stamps (used, I think). Address: NBC Madang, P.O. Box 2138, MADANG 511, Papua New Guinea. Needless to say, I was extremely pleased with this QSL, although somewhat less pleased to hear the aforementioned news about the eventual end of shortwave (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mark, Nice QSL! Like you, I was disappointed to read about their plans to phase out shortwave transmissions in favor of AM and FM. However, 2015 is a long way off and things do move slowly in Papua New Guinea. Maybe shortwave will live longer than they realize. We can only hope! 73, (Rich D'Angelo, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3335, R. East Sepik, 1115-1130, Mar 14, Tok Pisin. Announcer with presumed news and occasional English phrase; music at 1125; more announcer from 1127 thru BoH fade-out; poor with deep fades; peaks fair at best (Scott Barbour, NH, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3335, R. East Sepik (presumed) was also noted here in passing around 1230 on 3/14 and 3/15 with a fair/poor signal, after being totally inaudible during above-average PNG reception on 3/13. So if they were indeed off the air as I speculated, it was apparently just a one-day thing (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325, Wantok Light (presumed), 1215, 3/15/08. Weak but clear signal was OM delivering English sermon. By 1220 Wantok had faded and Mandarin language broadcast faded up. Only listed Mandarin at this time is IBRA Radio via Novosibirsk (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Drake R8, Perseus SDR; Wellbrook 330S Loop, NASWA Flashsheet March 16 via DXLD)

7325, Wantok Radio Light (Port Moresby) (probable), 1225-1229, 3/15/08 in English. Preaching by a man in U.S. accented English, musical bridge, which abruptly ended mid song, at 1229, a woman in Chinese immediately came on, with closing announcement, 1231 off. Probably Wantok Radio Light abruptly ended or faded out at 1229, and IBRA radio

via Novosibirsk-Oyash, Russia was there ending in Mandarin. Both stations were good. Thanks to Jim Ronda, Jerry Strawman, and Don Norman for the group effort to figure out what happened with his one (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Winradio g313e, Eton E1; 110' random wire, Eavesdropper, Flex antenna, ibid.)

7325, Wantok Radio Light-Port Moresby (Presumed), 1227, 3/15/08. poor with man preaching in English; short music bridge, program information and off at 1231. When Wantok went off others in the listening group heard IBRA-Novosibirsk in Mandarin; I did not (Jim Ronda, OK, ibid.)

\*\* PERU. 3173.36, Radio Municipal, Pano off the air for last week to ten days.

5039.21, Radio Libertad Junin. 1045 transmitter on for about ten seconds on 6 March, problems. Return to regular strength on 7 March and all days since (Robert Wilkner, FL, March 17, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* ROMANIA. 6015, Radio Romania International, Galbeni; 2310-2314 14 March, 2008. Tune-in to English male with a long and boring list of Hotbird, etc. satellites and mobile phone options for listening (probably soft prepping the listeners for the eventual closing of shortwave). At least four minutes of this blather, rather than real programming, which prompted a fast tune-out. They may as well cease their shoddy shortwave transmitters if this is the plate of crap they now spew. Fair (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. R. Rossii, Petropavlovsk, 6075, monitored 1357-1402 March 16. 5+1 timesignal at 1400 was 4 seconds late compared to WWV, and again no sign of 8GAL, CW on 6074 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOMALIA. SOMALILAND'S RADIO HARGEYSA ACQUIRES NEW TRANSMITTER | Excerpt from report by Somaliland government-owned Radio Hargeysa on 15 March

[Presenter] The minister of information and awareness, Ahmad Haji Dahir Ilmi, announced that the new transmitter of Radio Hargeysa went on air today at around 2:00 p.m. [1100 GMT]. He said the transmitter is undergoing trials, adding that the testing would continue for sometime. The transmitter will be on 41 metre band 10120 kHz. The minister who spoke about the trial of Radio Hargeysa's new transmitter said.

[Ilmi] [The transmitter is] today is on testing, which is being handled by the engineers. This is the new transmitter that was being awaited by Somaliland. As the minister of information, I do hereby



congratulate you [listeners] that we have put the new transmitter on air. It is still being handled by the engineers. I would like you to listen to it on SW1-10120 KHz. I would like you to give us your feedback on the distance to which it, Radio Hargeysa, can be heard. [Passage omitted] (Source: Radio Hargeysa in Somali 1700 gmt 15 Mar 08 via BBC Monitoring)

Andy Sennitt comments: I think the frequency should be 7120 kHz, a frequency Radio Hargeysa has used in the past. (March 15th, 2008 - 20:14 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* TIBET [and non]. Tibet PBS-Tibetan was added to jamming of VOA-Tibetan --- I confirmed that Tibet PBS (XZDT)-Tibetan was added to jamming of VOA-Tibetan on Mar.16 at 0000-0100 UT on 9645 kHz; jamming of 7255 & 7480 kHz is CNR-1 and Firedrake.  
[http://www.ric.hi-ho.ne.jp/in\\_hiroshi/k/tibetan9645-20080316-0042.mp3](http://www.ric.hi-ho.ne.jp/in_hiroshi/k/tibetan9645-20080316-0042.mp3)  
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ, March 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Long clip; an ID at the very end (gh, DXLD)

#### VOA AND RFA INCREASE BROADCASTS TO TIBET

PRESS RELEASE --- Washington, D.C. March 17, 2008 - U.S. international radio broadcasts to Tibet will increase by four hours daily beginning tonight at 6:00 p.m. EDT, 6:00 a.m. local time in Lhasa. [2200 UT]

"The violent crackdown by Chinese authorities in Tibet compels us to increase our broadcasts," said James K. Glassman, Chairman of the BBG, which oversees all non-military U.S. international broadcasting including the Voice of America (VOA) and Radio Free Asia (RFA). "Our audience clearly will benefit from these trustworthy sources of news and information, which differ sharply from Chinese government sanctioned broadcasts."

At present RFA broadcasts eight hours daily to Tibet via shortwave radio. VOA broadcasts four hours daily, also via shortwave. Each will expand radio programs by two additional hours daily. VOA also will double its weekly Tibetan-language television programming from one to two hours via the AsiaSat 3 satellite. "RFA's Tibetan service is working around the clock to bring authoritative, breaking news to the Tibetan people. These additional hours will greatly enhance our capacity to deliver this news, including live updates, to people on the ground," RFA President Libby Liu said.

Tibet's media is tightly controlled and most Tibetans are deeply suspicious of Chinese domestic media coverage. BBG audience research, while limited to Tibetan refugees in Nepal, indicates that VOA and RFA are among the most well known foreign broadcasters and an important source of information in a society where word of mouth is the top way

to share news. "We know from experience that Tibetans will tune to VOA at pivotal times such as these," said Danforth Austin, Director of the Voice of America. "For example, a VOA special TV program about the Dalai Lama receiving a gold medal from the U.S. Congress was recorded and widely distributed in Tibetan regions inside China." (VOA Press Release via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, March 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

[http://www.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ\\_t.cfm](http://www.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_t.cfm) does not yet show any VOA Tibetan at 2200 UT; how about full details of new schedule? BTW, VOA and RFA Tibetan have been heavily jammed by the Chicom and no doubt so will be the additions; why wasn't this fact mentioned in the press release? (Glenn Hauser, 0358 UT March 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. Estimados Colegas Radioescuchas y Diexistas: El Servicio Latinoamericano de la BBC de Londres cumpli , el pasado 14 de Marzo, su 70 aniversario. Por tal motivo nuestro blog <http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com/> agreg  un link con la pagina de la BBC para que puedan enterarse de este acontecimiento y adem s disfruten de fotograf as y audios hist ricos que rememoran esta celebraci n. Colegas de la BBC, desde Venezuela reciban un abrazo y un Feliz Aniversario !!!!! (Jorge Garc a Rangel - Santiago San Gil, Editores del Blog, CLUB DIEXISTAS DE LA AMISTAD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

 ....Desaparecer  el Servicio Latinoamericano de la BBC... ?

Estimados Colegas Diexistas y Radioescuchas!

Abrimos la p gina web BBC MUNDO.COM y nos encontramos con la noticia de que el pasado 14 de Marzo se celebraron los 70 a os del Servicio Latinoamericano de esta emisora brit nica. All  aparece el audio de 5 capitulos que rese an las siete decadas de transmisiones y en el  ltimo cap tulo denominado "Desaf o Digital y Futuro" me llam  poderosamente la atenci n la entrevista que le hacen a Julia Zapata, actual jefe del servicio, quien no esconde la realidad presupuestaria de esta emisora y claramente nos indica hacia donde est n encaminados los esfuerzos en el futuro inmediato. De all  que les hacemos llegar la entrevista para que ustedes saquen sus propias conclusiones.

En nuestra opinion, es un grave error abandonar las transmisiones en espa ol de la BBC en ondas cortas y dedicar mayor atenci n a las tecnolog as que ofrece internet. En Am rica Latina, la gran mayor a no dispone de una computadora y mucho menos tienen acceso a internet y por ende no podr n seguir disfrutando de la programaci n de una de las mejores emisoras del mundo. Ojal  rectifiquen los directivos de la BBC y no sea tarde nuestra reacci n cuando ya no la volvamos a sintonizar en nuestros receptores de ondas cortas !!!

Desde Venezuela...32 años , escuchando al mundo !!!!  
(Santiago San Gil Gonzalez, CLUB DIEXISTAS DE LA AMISTAD  
<http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com/> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2:55 audio clip was attached. She talks about ``branding``, the  
``market``, shortwave in the past tense, internet the future (gh,  
DXLD)

\*\* U K. Shortwave changes for the Caribbean --- BBC World Service  
shortwave transmissions to the Caribbean will close on March 23rd  
2008.

Many listeners in the Caribbean and around the world no longer listen  
via shortwave. Instead they are choosing to listen to the radio on  
other platforms including FM, satellite and online.

As a result, the BBC has invested in new FM services to the Caribbean.  
BBC World Service programmes can now be heard on FM 24 hours a day in  
Antigua, Trinidad and Jamaica as well as via partner stations in  
almost all of the Caribbean islands.

In the Caribbean, a number of local radio stations broadcast BBC World  
Service on FM. These may be individual programmes as a supplement to  
their own schedules, or chunks of programming broadcast over several  
hours. To find stations in your area along with their BBC broadcast  
times, visit our schedules page

BBC World Service can be heard 24 hours a day across Jamaica on 104  
FM, in Antigua on 89.1 FM and in Trinidad & Tobago on 98.7 FM.  
In San José, Costa Rica, BBC World Service is on Radio Real Rock  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cgi-bin/worldservice/psims/ScheduleSDT.cgi>  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGESTS)

[comments on above item originally interspersed:]

Not exactly a shock... Well, this is true in a way. If you reduce  
availability of shortwave, as the BBC has done progressively, then  
undoubtedly you will have fewer shortwave listeners. If you're a  
listener and still want to hear the BBC, you are forced to find it by  
means other than shortwave. This in some circles is termed a "self  
fulfilling prophecy". Without question, things were trending this way  
to some extent before the BBC embarked on its current distribution  
strategy; but it is also true that the BBC's fuller than justified  
embrace of the trend has left more than a few former loyal listeners  
behind. The BBC's response to them is "get over it".

This is, of course, at the pleasure of the partner stations hosting  
them. Admittedly, this situation is less likely to result in a loss

of service in the Caribbean than elsewhere where it has been tried; but the risk remains. Furthermore, FM as a line-of-sight transmission medium trades higher quality audio for significantly restricted geographic coverage. To listeners unable to receive urban FM transmissions, the BBC's message presumably is also "get over it".

"It may not amount to as comprehensive a service we once provided to you, but get over it".

This does appear to amount to a much smaller and fragmented footprint than shortwave was able to provide.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cgi-bin/worldservice/psims/ScheduleSDT.cgi>

Good luck, dear listener (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wonder now upon what kind of study or survey may have the Beeb relied on to tease up with listeners for a year. Was it they tried to give a final chance to SW listeners in the Caribbean, learning that a lot more, especially those who once claim, will be glad to have BBCWS available on SW in the American continent? Regarding this, what do you think we could expect from the recently resurgence of BBC Mundo for Latin America early morning?

Sure, they'll soon excuse themselves by saying "Nadie m's escucha a BBC Mundo en onda corta, por tanto finalizamos nuestro servicio matutino ----- bla, bla, bla. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In fact I was surprised to discover this single hour of Spanish, 1100-1200 via Greenville on 6095 and via MontsinÈry on 11825 or 13760, while looking up this story. And I made sure to check out the BBC website for a "shortwave changes" (what an Orwellian newspeak!) page concerning this transmission, but so far nothing at [http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/tuning\\_in/newsid\\_4294000/4294086.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/tuning_in/newsid_4294000/4294086.stm) or the Spanish startpage.

To put it in plain words: I can not imagine that this single hour of airtime at Greenville and MontsinÈry, respectively, the only remaining usage of these sites (and shortwave transmitters in the western hemisphere altogether) by the BBC, will continue for much longer. If it survives the B07 season it still could go away in just a few weeks, considering the BBC's strange approach to cancel their shortwave transmissions incrementally.

And re. Asia: In March 2005 the transmissions to Europe had been reduced to the morning and evening hours. Thus I think that this step in East and Southeast Asia signals the beginning of the end for BBC WS in English on shortwave for these regions.

Another point: I really wonder if the MontsinÉry site will still be on air for much longer. Has anybody already seen an A08 schedule, showing RFI or any other broadcaster still using it?

And DW's A08 schedule looks suspiciously short to me, since I heard that they were already considering further shortwave cuts. Needs a detailed review and comparison, but unfortunately I have no time for this at present. Good night, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. But wait; there's more, or rather, less ---

#### SHORTWAVE CHANGES IN EAST AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/help/2008/03/080314\\_sw\\_asia\\_changes.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/help/2008/03/080314_sw_asia_changes.shtml)

BBC World Service shortwave transmissions to East and South-East Asia will be reduced on 30th March 2008. Many listeners around the world no longer listen via shortwave and are choosing instead to listen to radio on other platforms including FM, satellite and online. To ensure the BBC can invest in these and other platforms it is necessary to reduce shortwave provision, while keeping our programmes available at the key listening times for radio - in the morning and the evening.

Shortwave transmission will therefore cease between 10am and 5pm local time and midnight and 2 am local time. For details on BBC programme times where you are, please follow the link below:

#### East Asia

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/help/2007/12/071203\\_eastasia.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/help/2007/12/071203_eastasia.shtml)

#### South-East Asia

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/help/2007/12/071203\\_southeastasia.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/help/2007/12/071203_southeastasia.shtml)

(via Zacharias Liangas, Greece, March 17; Alokesh Gupta, India, March 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

I looked at the SW schedules eventually displayed, and they are as usual UNDATED! I think they do not yet reflect the coming cuts. But there are so many different timezones, what the hell do they mean in UT by ``ceasing 10 am-5 pm and 12-2 am local``? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The decision by the BBC World Service to reduce shortwave coverage in East and Southeast Asia raises concern -- basically, they're interested in being heard in major cities, while remote areas in this part of the world (that is, many that have no Internet access, or some that have it but have either bandwidth limits or have to pay fees for using it) must depend on shortwave. And in some five years, if the BBC decides that shortwave isn't needed in Asia anymore, then try to

figure what will happen then? Obviously, BBC is interested in what means more to its audience -- in dollars and in what's now (locally on FM and online), not what's needed in other areas where it can't be reached -- where shortwave remains of necessity there (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### **\*\* U K. ANDY KERSHAW'S SAD SAGA CONTINUES**

Glenn, Here, sadly is more on the saga of former BBC Radio 1, 3, and World Service music host Andy Kershaw.

Kershaw was released from prison on Feb 28 after spending 44 days in a Isle of Mann jail for breaking a restraining order by harassing his ex-wife.

An upbeat article appeared in the Daily Mail including some of Andy's prison diary which shows he still has a sense of humour  
[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/showbiz/showbiznews.html?in\\_article\\_id=523609&in\\_page\\_id=1773](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/showbiz/showbiznews.html?in_article_id=523609&in_page_id=1773)

Then a week later there was an interview in The Daily Mirror where he appeared to be very angry indeed.  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/showbiz/latest/2008/03/03/exclusive-andy-kershaw-s-first-interview-since-leaving-jail-89520-20338693/>

On March 4 it was reported that he'd been put in a police cell for breaching the restraining order again.  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2008/03/04/nkershaw104.xml>

On 6 March the IOM newspaper said he narrowly avoided jail this time, was given a suspended 6 month sentence if he would leave the IOM where his former wife lives, and move home to Rochdale, Greater Manchester, in the care of his 73 yr old mother.  
<http://www.iomtoday.co.im/news/Andy-Kershaw-heads-to-Rochdale.3856645.jp>

The latest news is that the Rochdale paper reported Wednesday Mar 12 that Andy stayed there for just 4 days, packed his bags, called a taxi and left, and one one know where he is. "Andy need help" she said.  
[http://www.rochdaleobserver.co.uk/news/s/1040244\\_andy\\_needs\\_to\\_get\\_help](http://www.rochdaleobserver.co.uk/news/s/1040244_andy_needs_to_get_help)  
(Tom Roche, Atlanta GA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* U S A [and non].** Finally got around to confirming that VOA has indeed moved its Creole service one UT hour earlier, as 2127 UT March 17 on 15390, 13725, 11895 were going strong, as if Haiti had gone on DST when we did March 9! Now see this coincidental log of an axual Haitian statian:

840, 4VEH, Cap Haôtien, Haôti; iVoici 840 ÖÖRadio 4 (VEH?), La Voix

...vangelique diHaôti. Il est 11 heures.î In bad splatter. Personal  
First. W[eak?] 0400 16/03 PC (Paul Crankshaw, Troon UK, MWC via DXLD)  
Therefore Haiti is still on UT minus 5, not -4 (gh, DXLD)

**\*\* U S A. VOICE OF AMERICA EXPANDS SWAHILI BROADCASTS TO KENYA**

PRESS RELEASE - Washington, D.C., March 17, 2008 - The Voice of America (VOA) has expanded Swahili broadcasts to Kenya to include an additional half-hour each day. "Providing reliable news and information to the people of Kenya is critical, particularly during this time," said VOA Africa Division Chief Gwen Dillard. "This shows once again how VOA can provide a valuable service to audiences," she added. The expanded radio coverage will offer news from a network of stringers in the region, interviews with a range of newsmakers including ruling and opposition party representatives, political analysts, economists, local residents, as well as U.S. officials, UN, EU and AU mediators and other African leaders. The service will also begin a new series called In Focus taking an in-depth look at issues such as land distribution, the constitution, ethnic tensions, national reconciliation and the future of democracy in Kenya.

The new program will be broadcast at 0930-1000 UT, 12:30 p.m. local time Monday-Friday, and at 1700-1730 UT, 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Swahili broadcasts will now run for a total of two hours each weekday and one hour on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit <http://www.VOANews.com/swahili> for more information on VOA Swahili language programming (VOA Press Release via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, March 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

Ha; here's what happens with the above link, at 0353 UT March 18:  
Error encountered while building page:  
type:Expression  
call stack: CFOUTPUT,CFINCLUDE,CFINCLUDE,CFSAVECONTENT,CF\_CACHED-  
RENDER,CFINCLUDE,CFLOCK,CFINCLUDE

This page [http://www.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ\\_s.cfm](http://www.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_s.cfm) does not yet have the 0930 broadcast; probably the 1700-1730 Sat/Sun will be on same frequencies as M-F already (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

**\*\* U S A. 21695, WHRI, Cypress Creek, SC, 1445-1505+, March 15, New frequency? Punch-up error? Spur? English religious programming. ID at 1500. Weak but readable. // 9840. No sign of Libya (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

Maybe this: leapfrog of 9840 over WYFR 11855, plus 9840 = 21695. Except in this case it may happen in receiver if the two signals are extremely strong; both are aimed northwards toward you (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 13570, PENNSYLVANIA, WINB, Red Lion; 2131-2139 16 March, 2008. Tune-in to carrier, male canned ID with WINB.com and 717-244-5360 station number announced, into the opening of the "Wall Street Unspun" program, hosted by a clown who mentioned making an upcoming appearance in a week, but couldn't recall what hotel it would be at. And you would want this guy to manage your funds? The transmitter had a weird rapid warble when dumped into either sideband. So, stop tuning in via SSB, I say (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. I checked out the Portuguese DX program of CVC, UT Sunday March 16 at 0200 on webcast (extremely complicated audio link now on Monitoring Reminders Calendar), and confirmed it has not made a one-hour switch despite originating in Miami. But I was quickly put off by C  lio Romais' DX report being interrupted between every item for 10-15 seconds of extremely jarring music. The producer must have an extremely limited attention span, and forces it upon his listeners. Can't let too many numbers pile up without some relief! But the next item from Ulisses Galetti did not have such interruptions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. ESTADOS UNIDOS via CHILE - A CVC - A Sua Voz pretende aumentar o n  mero de profissionais que produzir  o mais programas ao vivo, sem a necessidade de reapresenta  es (C  lio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX March 16 via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Tried for the postponed WNTP 990 Philadelphia DX test UT March 15, using DX-398 in the yard. Fortunately it had stopped raining a few hours earlier and things had dried off somewhat. First try around 0420 UT yielded nothing, nor expected with day pattern toward SE.

Listened intently from 0450 to 0500 during the ND 12.5 kW portion. XET was not much of a problem, close to a right angle, and no sign of CBW, which can boom in when K-indices are low. SWPC says: The mid-latitude K-index at 0300 UTC on 15 March was 2 (18 nT). But aimed toward Philadelphia, there was still a pile of QRM, multiple subaudible heterodynes from all the other stations, almost like a graveyard. However, at 0451 I could hear an occasional tone, but never copy any Morse code ID. At times the tones seemed evenly spaced like a timesignal. Sweeps definitely heard peaking around 0454-0456. So I count this only on the basis of assuming no other station would be transmitting such material. Right at 0500 on came the Cuban National Anthem, from the SE, presumably R. Guam  , Pinar del Rio, as mentioned by Arnie Coro in DXLD 8-031, if that is the only Cuban on the frequency, but not noticed prior to that. No IBOC from KTOK-1000 audible, which wipes out 990 here in the daytime.



No doubt those closer to Philly or with better equipment heard the WNTP test more definitely than I did. Many tnx to Ren  Tetro for putting it on [Later: I see other reports about the evenly spaced tones as if timesignals] (Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: WNTP did indeed transmit evenly spaced discreet tones, similar to WWV time pips, occasionally during its DX test, along with the variety of other tones and Morse code IDs and other characters. Don't have the exact times in front of me now, but will send you the times I caught the time pips if you wish. Thanks again to Rene for an entertaining test! (Steve Howe, Saint Albans, VT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Guys: Thanks to Rene for the test last night; heard loud and clear here in London, Ontario during both power levels. Heard with "WNTP Philadelphia Pa" repeated in CW followed by SWEEP Tones, then STEP TONES and marching band music, "Hurray for the Red, White and Blue". Heard in spite of being right beside my local CFPL 980, and on the same frequency as Montreal!! The CW and sweep tones pierced right through everything!! Heard on the SONY SRF-T615 ULTRALIGHT. 73. ROB. (Robert S. Ross, VA3SW, N6A5K1, IRCA via DXLD)

Heard in Manassas, VA. Several stations mixing on 990 kHz making for difficult listening. Morse code IDs, sweep tones, morse code and music. Definite ID in morse code. Also, briefly heard OM give ID. Overall poor to barely heard. Without morse code probably would not hard heard at all. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, This year, to commemorate our fourth annual DX Test, we are sending out certificates rather than standard QSL cards. Yours is attached. 73, Rene' [original font of signature: Brush Script MT] (Rene' F. Tetro, Chief Engineer, Salem Communications - Philadelphia, WNTP-AM, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) In pdf; added to the gallery at <http://www.worldofradio.com/QSL.html>

\*\* U S A. I don't know what Dave Franz has done to LYQ, 529, lately. When you first announced it, I was barely able to discern it with my Grundig Sat 3400, an old analog radio, unusually sensitive on MW with my very inadequate outdoor random wire. Imagine my surprise about a week ago when I tuned to 529 with my unaided GE Super Radio II, and found a fairly strong signal here in Huntsville, perhaps an S6, if I had a meter, almost as strong as the Nashville on 560. I don't know the exact distance to Manchester TN, but, it must be 60 or 70 miles. Can he possibly be running only 25 watts! Isn't that the limit. Really tears up 530, if you want to listen to anything there. 73, (Tim Hendel, Huntsville AL, March 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dave takes pride in a superior grounding system for this transmitter beyond your ordinary NDB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Air Force MARS net headed by AFA2AJ, Sunday March 16 at 1317 on 7457-USB. So it probably starts now at 1300 UT, and is daily. I had not confirmed previously whether it's LSB or USB. USB is certainly preferable due to the constant RTTY around 7455; despite LSB being the default on 40m ham band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1700, TEJAS, KVNS, Brownsville; 0141-0225 15 March, 2008. Tune-in to Ambrosia "How Much I Feel", Lynyrd Skynyrd "Sweet Home Alabama", The Troggs "Wild Thing", then, at 0148, male canned "Seventeen-hundred, KVNS, your favorite hits." More 60's/70's pop/rock, male canned "KVNS, Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley" ID at 0200 (nice touch, acknowledging the region).

Good though trading places with presumed WJCC, Miami Springs (which apparently is back to running -- at least overnight -- a canned mix of 70's Classic Rock hits mostly alternating with Spanish salsa vocals when there's nothing to fill the time). WJCC's Classic Rock tracks mixing with KVNS made for a difficult take on logging details. KVNS programming sounded canned or voice-tracked, thought that not bad compared to most other AM/MW choices (much like listening to the transistor radio under the pillow in 1969). This was Spanish "la Preciosa" network format until late last year, if I recall correctly, Clear Channel also I think without looking up to confirm. Lots of other stations -- including a black gospel preacher -- in the mix on this channel (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. COURT WILL EXAMINE PROFANITY RULES

By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press Writer, Mar 17, 10:16 AM EDT

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Supreme Court on Monday stepped into a legal fight over the use of curse words on the airwaves, the high court's first major case on broadcast indecency in 30 years.

The case concerns a Federal Communications Commission policy that allows for fines against broadcasters for so-called "fleeting expletives," one-time uses of the F-word or its close cousins.

Fox Broadcasting Co., along with ABC, CBS and NBC, challenged the new policy after the commission said broadcasts of entertainment awards shows in 2002 and 2003 were indecent because of profanity uttered by Bono, Cher and Nicole Richie.

A federal appeals court said the new policy was invalid and could violate the First Amendment.

No fines were issued in the incidents, but the FCC could impose fines for future violations of the policy.

The case before the court technically involves only two airings on Fox of the "Billboard Music Awards" in which celebrities' expletives were broadcast over the airwaves. NBC is separately challenging an FCC decision that rapped the network for airing Bono's use of the F-word during a Golden Globes awards show in 2003.

The case will be argued in the fall. . .

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/S/SCOTUS\\_BROADCAST\\_INDECENCY?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/S/SCOTUS_BROADCAST_INDECENCY?SITE=FLTAM&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

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(via Terry Krueger, DXLD) see also LANGUAGE LESSONS

\*\* VENEZUELA. Radio Amazonas ha sido captada este 16/03 a las 0431 UT, en la frecuencia de 4942.5 kHz, con SINPO de 35433. Totalmente sobremodulada. Transmite música tecno en el marco del espacio "Zona Rumbera". Locutor con mensajes de la audiencia; tema de Maroon 5 "She Will Be Loved" a las 0448 UT, King Changü a las 0452 y reggaeton a las 0508. Aqua, con "Barbie Girl" a las 0531, Real McCoy con "Runaway" a las 0534, Dr. Alban con "It's My Life" a las 0538 y Everything But The Girl con "Missing" a las 0556. Locutor a las 0558 y despedida a las 0602. De nuevo, ausencia del Himno Nacional. Enlace estudio-planta fuera del aire a las 0604 UT. Primera vez que Radio Amazonas se extiende tanto tiempo más allá de la medianoche. 73s y buen DX (Adrián González, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Estimados Colegas Radioescuchas y Diexistas! Radio Amazonas Internacional captada el 17/03/08 en los 4940 kHz con fuerte señal pero con audio distorsionado a las 1230 UT con SINPO 55444 (20 db) . Programa noticioso comentando el Concierto 'Paz Sin Fronteras' realizado en el Puente Internacional Simón Bolívar en la frontera Colombo-Venezolana, organizado por los cantantes Juanes, Ricardo Montaner, Miguel Bosé, Carlos Vives, Alejandro Sanz, etc . Sin duda un concierto apoteósico sin precedentes que confirma la hermandad de nuestros pueblos!

YVTO, Observatorio Naval Juan Manuel Cagigal desde La Planicie, Caracas DF, emitiendo con muy buena señal en los 5000 kHz aunque regada en la frecuencia de 4900 kHz. SINPO 55444 (15 a 20 dB). Confirma con QSL los informes de recepción.

Receptor: Yaesu FRG-7 con frecuencímetro digital; Antena: Dipolo Hy-Gain, Modelo 2BDQ. Desde Venezuela... 32 años, escuchando al mundo !!! (Santiago San Gil González, CLUB DIEXISTAS DE LA AMISTAD <http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZAMBIA. 9430, March 17 at 0544, interview in English about status of women in India; interviewer had Oz accent, so it must be Zambia! Yes, CVC scheduled from Lusaka at 05-06 on 9430, 315 degrees, headed our way beyond West Africa. Good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZIMBABWE [non]. Hi Glenn, The SWRA website <http://www.swradioafrica.com/pages/frequ140308.htm> has released the following; by the look of things it was released on Friday 14 March just before the weekend. 73 (David Pringle-Wood, Harare, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### SW Radio Africa Frequency Change

On 30th March there is a global changeover of shortwave broadcast frequencies - and on that date we have to move as well. We will no longer be on 7125 kHz and will be changing to 12035 kHz.

We're doing tests on that frequency at the moment and can heard during our second hour of broadcast [1800-1900 UT] on 12035kHz , as well as for the full two hours [1700-1900] on 7125 kHz .

Start finding us on 12035 kHz now so that when we change over on 30th March you'll be able to remain up to date with news and all the election results. 4880 kHz will not be changing (via David Pringle-Wood, Harare, DXLD)

12035 NF, SW Radio Africa, 1800-1840, March 17, via U.K? English talk about upcoming Zimbabwe elections. IDs. Gave contact information. Afro-pop music. "The Hidden Story" program at 1814 about Zimbabwe politics. Strong. Very good signal. Announced they are currently testing on 12035 daily at 1800-1900 and will be moving from 7125 to 12035 for the 1700-1900 time period starting March 30. Tnx to tip from David Pringle-Wood in DXLD (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6027, 1217-1220 16 March, 2008. Who is this? Mostly carrier, with threshold traces of male talk in unknown language. Presumed Asian, as nothing here later in the local morning (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7325, weak music audible at 1320 March 13 aside much stronger Chinese signal on 7330. Presumably Wantok Radio Light, PNG, but it would be nice to get something more definite (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11915, 2128-2203 16 March, 2008. Spot checks here, a fairly strong signal with odd 50-ish cycle telco-ish hum but otherwise no apparent audio. Clever (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA,

27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### EDXP PLAGIARIZES DXLD

Since Bob Padula raised hell every time we used to quote an item (with full credit of course) from one of his publications, or even broadcasts accessible to everyone, we have been only too happy to ignore this very unpleasant and uncooperative fellow who is always denigrating other DX publications, even as he combs thru them for story ideas, and uses them only for his own publicity, rarely contributing any useful DX info to them.

But it seems what's required of us, does not apply to Bob when he wants to steal an item from DXLD, with no credit, of course.

Thanks to some people for forwarding copies of his latest EDXP Newsplus of March 17, containing this item, which begins:

``DRM WASTES ENERGY, LESS RELIABLE THAN AM OR SSB

DRM continues to be a source of controversial opinions among the world's mass communications researchers, but there seems to be a consensus about the waste of resources that DRM is causing to the broadcast organizations, many of which are openly talking about severe budget limitations. . . (Edited transcript of a story by Arnie Coro, Radio amateur C02KK, Radio Havana Cuba, Mar 8 2008)``

The trouble is: there was no such headline on Arnie's story; that was made up by gh for publication only in DX LISTENING DIGEST.

Ironically, it was hardly necessary to snatch it from DXLD without credit, as Arnie's scripts appear in several places other than DXLD; but only in DXLD are they given headlines when needed, and edited in such a way to remove all the annoying dot-dot-dots, etc., and replace them with real punctuation.

See the notice at the top of <http://worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html>

Are we going to demand that BP remove this and apologize? No, but he owes us (at least) one, in case we ever find anything worth quoting from him. And this gives us a golden opportunity to show just how duplicitous this ``professional`` is. And he wonders why EDXP membership keeps falling; single digits yet? If you know someone who

is still an EDXP member, you might forward this to them (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### LANGUAGE LESSONS

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BASTARD, another word you can't say on PBS

I happened to be watching an old tape of some PBS show (via OETA) about war, including the famous clip from the movie of George C. Scott as Patton in front of a full-screen US flag, talking about making some other poor b----- die for his country.

``Now I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country.`` [is the quote I easily Googled]

Yes, ``bastard`` was bleeped, twice, and furthermore, for the lip-readers among us, his lips were pixillated. Since when has bastard been an offensive word of such a high order that it is banned from PBS/OETA? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### WORLD OF HOROLOGY

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JULIAN vs GREGORIAN in ETHIOPIA

Re 8-026 "ETHIOPIA. Radio Ethiopia, <http://www.erta.gov.et/> has numerous links for online video - English news videos date from 27 December 2007, while those in Amharic are from April 2000 (!). The latest radio news is dated 02-13-1999 (using dd/mm/yyyy format!) - perhaps a more generous calendar is in use? "

Sorry, I'm a little late reacting to this --- however Ethiopia officially uses the Julian calendar which is about seven years and eight months behind the Gregorian calendar used by the rest of the Christian world. In Ethiopia itself, Amharic signs, etc., use the Julian calendar, whilst English signs use the Gregorian -- so the online videos on their website are more up to date than would first appear, although the latest English news videos today still date from 27 December 2007, and the radio news bulletins are out of date by any calendar! (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, 14 March 2008gy, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also U S A VOA/4VEH HAITI

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: LUXEMBOURG; NEW ZEALAND

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## GROUNDWAVE COVERAGE

Glenn, A couple of points need clarifying about Ben Dawson's notes in DX LISTENING DIGEST 8-034:

1. The formula  $1/R$  - "at twice the distance you get 1/2 the signal" is incorrect. the relationship is logarithmic, not arithmetic. The groundwave signal reduces in inverse proportion to the square of the distance. So, at twice the distance you get a quarter of the signal, not a half.

2. The laws of physics are universal, so "in N. America it's considered to be greater [skywave] signal the higher the frequency, in the rest of the world the data is considered to be the opposite of that" seems odd. In Europe we are very familiar with daytime skywave reception on mediumwave in the winter and it is definitely more prevalent in the higher part of the band. Also, mid-day skywave on longwave is never observed - confirming the same point.

Finally, well-known German MW DXer Martin Elbe has cast doubt on my 2001 logging of 945 Angola from Accra. He says it was probably S<sub>ao</sub> TomÉ that I heard. Fair point, especially as both would be in Portuguese. My memory is unclear. I thought I had confirmed 945 as Angola by checking against the parallel SW frequency, but I can't remember for certain now. Unless I can produce documentary evidence in my archives (a log note showing a confirmed ID or parallel broadcast, or a recording), I will have to withdraw my claim. Accra to S<sub>ao</sub> TomÉ is only 600 miles, so no sweat for a groundwave signal over an all-water path. One factor to check is which side of the island the Sao Tome transmitter is on. If not the side facing Accra, then Angola might still be the more likely station I heard (Chris Greenway, England, March 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here is today's show first item --- Another week of very little solar activity reported by scientists, who continue to wait for the expected increase in the number of sunspots from the new cycle. So far, the new sunspots are just missing, and the daily solar microwave flux continues to be at extremely low levels. Item two: Just a few days away from the spring equinox here in the Northern Hemisphere, and already we are seeing somewhat better propagation conditions especially just before sunrise and just after sunset local time. . . And now amigos, as always at the end of the program, here is as always and absolutely free,

ARNIE COROYS HF PLUS LOW BAND VHF PROPAGATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

Solar activity is expected to continue at very low levels, but the equal illumination of Planet Earth during the equinox will improve short wave propagation during the next three to five weeks amigos --- So, enjoy it !!!! (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited March 11, HCDX March 14 via DXLD)

Here is today's show first item, that sounds like ditto from the mid week edition of the program --- Another week of very little solar activity reported by scientists, who continue to sit and wait for the expected increase in the number of sunspots from the new cycle.

So far, the new sunspots are not happening, and the daily solar microwave flux continues to be at extremely low levels, registering bottom low 69 units on Friday. . . And now amigos, as always at the end of the program, here is as always and absolutely free,

#### ARNIE CORO'S HF PLUS LOW BAND VHF PROPAGATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

Solar activity is expected to continue at very low levels, with solar flux between 68 and 70 units, but again, the equal illumination of Planet Earth during the spring equinox will certainly improve short wave propagation during the next three to five weeks amigos So, enjoy it (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited March 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

The KN4LF Daily LF/MF/HF/6M Frequency Radiowave Propagation Forecast #2008-11 has been published on Saturday 03/15/2008 at 1900 UT, valid Saturday-Friday 03/15-21/2008 at <http://www.kn4lf.com/kn4lf6.htm> 73, (Thomas F. Giella, KN4LF Lakeland, FL, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### MORE LONG-HAUL TRANS-EQUATORIAL FM DX, CARIBBEAN TO SOUTHERN BRAZIL

##### ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

97.1, 0130 10/03 ZDK - Liberty Radio International, Saint John's, mx caribenha, EE 45444

91.9, 0207 10/03 Hitz FM, Saint John's, YL, an'ncios, EE 43343

##### GUADELOUPE

97.0, 0128 10/03 RFO, Basse-Terre, YL/OM, talks, FF 44344

106.6, 0140 10/03 Radio Caraïbes International, Point-à-Pitre, OM, nxs, FF 34333

102.6, 0144 10/03 NRJ Antilles, QTH?, OM/OM, talks, FF 33333

89.8, 0230 10/03 R. Haute Tension, Capsterre Belle, mx caribenha, FF 44333

97.0, 0032 13/03 RFO, Basse-Terre, OM/YL, talks, FF 45344

106.6, 0117 13/03 Radio Caraïbes International, Point-à-Pitre, mx instrumental, OM, FF 35333



#### MARTINICA

94.0, 0200 10/03 RFO, TrinitÉ, OM/YL, talks, FF // 94.3 MHz 44333  
94.3, 0206 10/03 RFO, Morne-Rouge, YL/OM, talks, FF 33333  
91.6, 0210 10/03 Radio EspÉrance, Fort de France, mx gospel c/ coral, relg, FF 44333  
91.2, 0216 10/03 Radio CaraÔbes International, QTH?, YL/OM, talks, FF 33333  
94.0, 0040 13/03 RFO, TrinitÉ, OM, nxs, FF 34333  
97.9, 0112 13/03 NRJ Antilles, QTH?, mx caribenha, OM/YL, talks, FF 45344

#### SAINT VINCENT & GRENADINES

96.7, 0126 10/03 Nice FM, Kingstown, OM em entrevista c/ OM, EE 44344  
107.5, 0136 10/03 NBC, Kingstown, OM em entrevista c/ OM, EE 45344  
96.7, 0026 13/03 Nice FM, Kingstown, OM c/ discurso?, mx caribenha, EE 55444  
99.9, 0036 13/03 WE FM, Kingstown, OM, nxs, EE 32332

#### SANTA L'CIA

101.1, 0037 13/03 R. Caribbean International, Castries, mx caribenha, OM, EE 33333  
97.3, 0110 13/03 R. Santa L'cia, Castries, OM, nxs esportivas, EE 43343

#### TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

94.1, 0201 10/03 Love FM, Trinidad, mx, OM, EE 34333

#### UNIDENTIFIED

102.5, 0148 10/03 Unid, OM/OM, talks, EE 23332  
90.7, 0218 10/03 Unid (BBS - Barbados?), OM/OM, talks, EE. obs: a programaÁ,,o n,,o era a mesma da freq.Íncia de 107.5 MHz. Se fosse a mesma programaÁ,,o, seria a NBC (Saint Vincent & Grenadines), pois, ela transmite nos 90.7 e 107.5 MHz 33333  
97.1, 0033 13/03 Unid (Music Radio 97 - Trinidad & Tobago??), mx caribenha, id OM: "97.1 FM, the next level -----", EE 44344  
107.1, 0124 13/03 Unid (R. Nassau - Bahamas?), OM em entrevista c/ OM, EE 35233  
92.3, 0136 13/03 Unid, OM falando de Jesus, Bìblia, etc, relg, mx gospel, SS 45243 (ESCUTAS DE RUBENS FERRAZ PEDROSO, BANDEIRANTES-PR, BRASIL, @tividade DX March 16 via DXLD) ###